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### FIFTY BLOOMER GIRLS.

They Have Gone In For Radical Dress Reform En Masse.

The bicycle has been one of the most potent aids of dress reform. Thousands of women now ride their wheels in divided skirts, bloomers and gaiters that reach to the knee, and in New York and Brooklyn the bloomer girl is so often seen pedaling her bicycle along the streets and in the parks that she no longer attracts special attention. With such an opening wedge in evidence, the news that 50 San Francisco women have promised to wear a reform costume when the weather is stormy and wet does not cause the surprise it would have caused a year or two ago. The San Francisco dress reform suit is designed solely for wet weather, when skirts, conventional hose and shoes afford very unsatisfactory protection against the rain. The costume has a cutaway jacket that resembles the popular cutting jacket, a short skirt and dark wool bloomers that reach to the knees. Below the knees are rubber leggings, and the boots are supplied with ordinary rubber sandals. An alpine hat serves as headgear, and there are collars, cuffs and a very mannish waistcoat that has a satin back and straps and buckles to tighten it. There are two rows of gilt buttons and small pockets for money and a watch.

The jacket has revers, pockets, gauntlets, cuffs of the dark wool, and the front opens without any sign of fastening over the waistcoat. The vest also has rolling revers and is cut low. The skirt is made in large plaits, the front being smooth and gored, and the length in inches may be regulated according to the taste of the wearer. The popular skirt, however, seems one that reaches about two inches below the knee. Under the skirt and well concealed from view are the revolutionary bloomers, which are of a decidedly huggy character. They are held in at the waist and knees by rubber bands.

Miss Willard is at present in Boston, preparing her annual address and attending to the multitudinous duties of her many responsible positions. She is recovering from a recent attack of bronchitis.

When an elder down comfort has got hard and lost all its elasticity, hang it in the balmy sun for a few hours, and all the life will come back to it.

Stewart stoves at Sheldon & Sheldon's.

### The Corset.

Attention is being called once more in France to the corset question by a petition to the chamber of deputies against the use of that garment as injurious to the health of the female part of the population. The chamber solemnly received the petition and passed it in committee. Meantime a Paris journalist has been gathering the opinions of notable women. A great many denounce the corset. "Gyp" declares it unhealthy and ungraceful and says it turns the figures into one commonplace mold, spelling pretty ones and doing nothing to improve the ugly ones. Mlle. Barthelemy of the Comedie Francaise simply declares it a horror. Jane Hading says that since she has been in America she is for a war of independence.

### Paul Dodged.

Chicago women waited on Paul du Chailin and asked him to make a few remarks on equal suffrage. He said: "Women have been the sunshine of my life. Even in darkened Africa, when I was sick and in trouble, a woman came, though a savage, and did all that she could to comfort me." This beautiful sentiment was wildly applauded, but after he had gone it dawned upon the ladies that, as far as he was concerned, the point at issue was where it was before. And this seems to be the trouble with many masculine speeches.—Kansas City Star.

### Dr. Angovin's Protest.

Dr. Mary L. Angovin at the recent Halifax W. C. T. U. meeting said: "I protest against any collection of men, however anxious they may be to make all laws in the interests of the weaker sex, however anxious to advance the cause of morality, however anxious to care for the public weal, being my substitute. I prefer to be the exponent of my own conscience. Amenable to the laws of Nova Scotia, intimately connected with Nova Scotia, I demand recognition as a citizen of Nova Scotia."

### A Brilliant Student.

Miss Llewella Davies, a Welsh lady, a native of Brecon, is the third lady who has gained the Charles Lucas medal for composition at the Royal Academy of Music. Her predecessors who were thus distinguished were Miss Dora Bright and Miss Ethel Boyce. Miss Llewella Davies' musical career as a student has been a brilliant and successful one, almost without a parallel. She has won five yearly musical prizes since 1887, not counting her success this year.

### Some Chicago Voters.

Mrs. Charles Perrine, aged 81, was one woman who registered early in Chicago. She expressed her gratification at being able to vote at last, if only for university trustees. She was accompanied to the place of registration by her daughter, Mrs. M. Kate Reed, associate editor of The Banner of Gold. Mrs. Reed's name also went on the books. Mrs. David Miller, aged 77, was accompanied by her husband and four sons, a family party of six voters.

### GIRLS IN BLACK FACE.

Topeka Society Will Appear in a Minstrel Show.

NONE BUT LADIES TO BE IN IT.

Tambos, Bones, Chorus, Song, Dance and Glee by a Female Talent.

A swirl, a swirl, a pretty girl, a tambourine and bones, with a merry whirr this beauty naively owns.

I want to be a minstrel and play to one night stands, A woe! woe! upon my head, burnt cork on face and hair, And there before the footlights you'll find that we're not saw.

For we'll sing a "minstrel" for Ingleside with our "Lady Minstrel Show."

"Don't like the picture," oh, you scoffers at woman's rights? You people who are glad the amendment was defeated, what have you to say to this portrayal, which just now fits any one of forty or fifty Topeka society girls who are arranging to give a minstrel show with not a single horrid man in the cast. "But," says some slave of a stupid tradition, "what about the jokes? Women have no sense of humor." Don't they? Well you wait and see, and listen to those jokes, that is, if you can quite laughing at the first one or two. "Enough to listen to those that follow." And what are they going to do anyway? "Says another skeptic in open mouthed surprise. 'Do!—why go and see—but no, I'll tell you. They say they are going to give a minstrel show just like any other minstrel show, the only difference being that the cast is entirely feminine, with the possible exception of a small boy or two in a specialty, and even that has not been definitely decided on. They will black their faces, that is nine or ten, perhaps a dozen of them will, and it is possible that all of the fifty ladies taking part will do so, though the present plans require that a part of the chorus as well as some of the solo singers wear full evening dress, their only disguise being the make-up, and a high powdered coiffure."

But it is in the black face artists, the "tambos," that the chief interest centers, and curiosity is at once rife as to what they are to look like, and what do.

Well, they will look like frights, of course; that has been the general verdict, but the dear things have consented to suffer that dire fate for charity's sweet sake. "And," they argue, "what difference does it make, since no one will know us," and it would even be a wise young man, indeed, who would know his own best girl under the disguise the "bones" and "tambos," and the middle man, or (behold pardon) middle woman, will assume.

The latter, it is whispered in favored circles, will wear a red skirt, with a black band about it, and a red Eon jacket, with black revers. A white skirt waist and red slippers and hose will complete her costume. The "tambos" and "bones" will wear yellow skirts with black bands and their yellow Eon jackets will also have black lappels, the left one of each of which will be adorned by a mammoth yellow chrysanthemum. The interlocutor's buttonhole will be an immense sunflower. The "tambos" ladies will wear black and yellow hose and black slippers. "Sunflower I've been wondering," says the timid young man, "if it was just the thing for young ladies to black their faces and sing and dance, and crack coarse jokes, and of course I've let my cogitation on the subject run away with me."

As to blacking their faces, they were a little worried about that, though only from an aesthetic or personal standpoint, but they think it will wash off as easily for them as for their brothers. As for singing and dancing and making up—why, they have all done that before in other amateur performances. As for cracking coarse jokes, perchance the thought: The show is for the best people and by the best people, and as such they are not capable of perpetrating or listening to coarse jokes. But the jokes will be all right, and so will the songs, the dancing, the stunts, the speech and the specialties. This thing was done last season by the society girls of every big city in the east, and more recently our neighboring western cities have caught the fever and given ladies' minstrel shows for the benefit of some charity, and in every case it has been found the best and quickest way to raise money for such a purpose at the least expense to those having it in charge.

The show will be given soon after the holidays for the benefit of Ingleside. The cast is not yet entire as it has been impossible to see all the ladies whom it is desired to have take part. Each one will be known on the bills by the name of some well known actress or other public character. A list of the real names will also be on the bills, though not so arranged as to give a clue to anyone's identity.

The services of a manager have been secured, one who has taken no active part in such performances before. The cast will all be arranged and other plans to begin rehearsal, completed in the near future, and it is safe to predict that the affair will be one of the most remarkable of Topeka's most successful amateur performances.

### IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bartholomew have issued invitations to the marriage of their niece Miss Carry Bartholomew and Mr. Corwin J. West Prescott on Thursday afternoon, December 1, at half after 4 o'clock, in the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city. The at home cards accompanying the invitations announce that Mr. and Mrs. Prescott will be at home Fridays in January after 3 o'clock at 217 Fillmore street.

Samuel Gardinier, Jr., entertained his young friends at a pleasant party at his home in Potwin Place yesterday afternoon.

Miss Abigail M. Huling who has been in attendance at the State university for some time, will be at home with her father Mr. Alden S. Huling, at 1035 Morris avenue, after December 1.

Dr. J. E. Minney is at Hot Springs, in attendance at a meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical association.

Mrs. Black, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Morrow, left for her home in Kankakee, Ill., today.

Mrs. A. J. Watersman will entertain the Western Sororists club Saturday afternoon.

Mr. E. J. Dallas, accompanied by his

mother and his niece, Miss Edna Speer, left for Chicago, yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Pierce will entertain a few friends this evening.

The Pensee club will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Misses Gertrude and Myrtle Biddle, in Lowman Hill.

Last evening in the parlors of the Throop hotel, Miss Abbe Prickett, of this city and Mr. G. W. Atkinson, of Kansas City, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson left for Houston, Texas, this morning.

Miss Leonard Frouty entertained a few friends at cards last evening.

Mrs. W. C. Sanders, of Colorado Springs, is the guest of Mrs. J. P. Farnsworth, at her home, 224 Tyler street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Senour are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wetherell, of Chicago.

Miss Laura Levi will entertain this evening for Miss Carr of Great Bend and Misses Stein and Kahn of Kansas City.

Miss Mary McCabe came over from Kansas City to be present at her brother's wedding.

Mrs. M. Slattinger left today for Newton, Winfield and Perry.

Mrs. W. A. White who came up for Mrs. Capper's reception returned to Kansas City today.

Miss Jean August who came over to the Harmony club's party returned to her home in St. Joseph today.

Mrs. Capper's Reception.

A reception tendered by Mrs. Arthur Capper cannot fail to be an important event in Topeka social circles, and the tea given by her yesterday afternoon from four till eight o'clock was of superlative interest in that she was assisted in receiving by her friend Mrs. W. A. White, the charming wife of William Allen White, of the Kansas City Star. The other ladies assisting Mrs. Capper were Mesdames Harold Chase, Eugene Quinton, Arthur Mills, Will Eastman, Tom Pounds, Harry Ashby, Misses Myra Williams, Madge Johnson, Mabel Johnson and Florence Kelly. The front parlor of the handsome home was tastefully decorated in rich yellow chrysanthemums, beautiful in their green setting. In the back parlor, in the bay window of which the trees were served, white chrysanthemums, palms and potted plants were the decorations.

In the dining room the guests felt themselves for a moment in some fairy glen. Smilax wreathed and draped the chandeliers and was festooned in long streamers to the four corners of the table where each was caught by pink chrysanthemums, the prevailing color and flower in this room. The artistic arrangement formed a picturesque setting for the tea table with its dainty green fairy lamp, its elaborately wrought drawn work centerpiece and dollies to match over pale green silk foundation.

Here tea and coffee and the more substantial part of the menu was served. Mrs. Capper received her guests in a gown of black lace net over pink silk; black velvet collar and belt; Mrs. White was attired in a costume of novelty silk and wool of sage green and old rose, with old rose satin yoke and sleeves, and bands of green velvet; Mrs. Harold Chase in white gown with green over light blue silk; Mrs. Eugene Quinton in yellow silk with brown velvet sleeves; Mrs. Arthur Mills, light blue silk crepe, with pearl trimmings and puffed sleeves and sleeves of white mouline; Mrs. Will Eastman in white brocade silk with trimmings of vandyke point; Mrs. Tom Pounds, white silk with green velvet trimmings; Mrs. Harry Ashby in white silk with heavy raised stripes of green satin, bands of green velvet and yellow chiffon accordion pleated front; Miss Myra Williams, black silk crepe, with black velvet sleeves; Miss Madge Johnson, yellow mouseline de soie; Miss Florence Kelly, blue crepe de chine trimmed in chiffon; Miss Mabel Johnson, pink mouseline de soie.

In the evening Mrs. Capper entertained the members of the receiving party and their gentlemen friends at an informal high five party. Mr. W. A. White, of Kansas City, joined his wife as one of the guests.

### Harmony Club Entertains.

The new rooms of the Harmony club in the Masonic building were resplendent with flowers, aglow with lights and resounding with sweet strains of music by the Steinberg orchestra. Stately palms and rare cut flowers waved and shed abroad their fragrance in every room, and were especially profuse in the ladies' parlor and the club dancing room which had been fitted up for the time as an elegant banquet room, and did credit to those having it in charge. On the floor below the polished surface of Wetherell hall, which was used for the dancers, gave back the reflection of beautiful and richly attired ladies and their gallant escorts. No detail had been omitted which could make this, the club's first dance of the season, the charming success which it proved to be. Much credit is due to the members of the officers, cordial and for the manner in which they arranged and carried their plans to a successful end and for one of the most enjoyable parties of the season. The delicious menu was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

The list of town guests were: Misses T. Stela, E. Gliss, E. Ann and E. August back at Kansas City; Mrs. Auerbach also of Kansas City; Miss Jean August of St. Joseph; Miss E. Carr of Great Bend; Mrs. Hailo and Mrs. Mitchell of Minneapolis; Mrs. H. J. Isaacs of Philadelphia; Mr. H. A. Guetel, Kansas City; Mr. L. Schwarz, Atchison; Mr. Henry Rosenblatt, St. Joseph; Mrs. Meinhardt, Lawrence. Mr. M. Wolf, St. Louis; Mr. Freisleben, St. Louis; Mr. Moe Levi, New York. The Topeka people enjoying the evening festivities were Mesdames and Mesdames Moe Slattinger, Abe Steinberg, S. Bernheimer, A. L. House, L. Diment, C. C. Eastman; Mrs. U. Prager, Mr. J. Leon, Mrs. M. Levi; Misses Daisy Levi, Laura Levi, Fannie Diment, Jessie Garwood; Mesdames H. A. Auerbach, Dan J. Greenwald, Moe Greenwald, Charles Lagerstrom, Abe J. August, Dave August, Theo Slattinger, and Ben Diment.

### Minor Social Mention.

Mrs. S. J. Crawford and Mrs. Arthur Capper will entertain at two thimble parties this week, one on Thursday and one on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia E. Thompson has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lizzie to Mr. Willis Norton, to take place on Wednesday, December 6th, at her home, 1211 Western avenue, at 12 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Norton will be at home after January 1 at 78 Topeka avenue.

About one hundred friends have been invited to witness the ceremony solemnizing the nuptials of Mrs. Margaret Wiggin and Mr. David J. Harding, of Boston, on November 29, at 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Wiggin's mother, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

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All kinds pkg. Coffee, per pkg., 25	1 can Cal. Apples, 11
3 lbs. Sultana Seedless Raisins, 25	1 can Cal. Muscat Grapes, 10
5 lbs. California Raisins, 25	1 can Cal. Plums, 10
Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, 20	3 cans Blackberries, 25
2 lbs. Evaporated Raspberries, 45	3 cans Raspberries, 25
3 lbs. Blackberries, 25	3 cans Blueberries, 25
3 lbs. New California Pines, 25	3 cans Strawberries, 25
3 pkgs. Mince Meat, 25	
8 lbs. Rolled Oats, 25	
2 pkgs. Rolled Oats, 25	
Pettigrew's or Preston's Breakfast Food, per pkg., 10	
3 pkgs. Backwheat Flour, 25	
3 packages Pancake Flour, 25	
King's Backwheat Flour, per pkg., 10	
Pure Maple Syrup, per gallon, 65	
Pure California Honey, per lb., 10	
2 lb can pure Apple Butter, 10	
Best Ginger Snaps, per lb., 05	
Soda Crackers, per pound by box, 34	
4 pkgs. Cleaned Currants, 25	
2 lbs Bulk Currants, 25	
Pail White Fish, 50	
Pail Mackerel, 50	
2 gallon Pail Sugar Syrup, 55	
17 lb Pail Jelly, 20	
Imported Queen Olives, per quart, 20	
2 1/2 lb cans Solid Pack Tomatoes, 15	
2 cans Sweet Corn, 25	
4 cans String Beans, 25	
3 cans Early June Peas, 25	
3 cans Lima Beans, 25	
Crosby's Corn, per can, 15	

### Meats and Lard

Sugar Cured Hams per lb., 11
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